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Committees: Education (Chair); Technology and Energy (Vice Chair); Transportation (Vice Chair);

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Biography: Republican of Holland; born August 5, 1961; married to Jodi DeGraaf; children, Corey, Jennalee, and Makenzie; B.A. in Special Education, Calvin College; master's degree in management, Aquinas College; graduate of Michigan Political Leadership Program and Boway Institute for Legislative Leadership Development; former Project Manager, General Manager, Vice President of Hollandia Gardens; recipient of the Independent Colleges and Universities' Distinguished Service Award, Michigan Manufacturers Association's Distinguished Service Award, the Michigan Business and Professional Association's Distinguished Service Award, the Michigan Parent, Teacher and Student Association's Legislator of the Year, and was the only legislator to receive the Small Business Association of Michigan's Champion of Small Business for the 2002-2004 session; active member of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce, Homebuilders Association of Holland, Holland Rotary, Ottawa County Farm Bureau; elected to the House of Representatives in 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate in 2002; Majority Caucus Chairman.

